

**OPINION 2170 (Case 3300)*****Halipegus occidualis* Stafford, 1905 and *Cercaria projecta* Willey, 1930 (Digenea, HEMIURIDAE): priority maintained**

**Abstract.** The Commission has ruled that priority is maintained for two species of hemiurid digeneans, *Halipegus occidualis* Stafford, 1905 and *Cercaria projecta* Willey, 1930, known to parasitise ranid frogs and various freshwater pulmonate snails. A proposal to conserve the junior homonym *Halipegus occidualis* Krull, 1935 of the former name and the junior synonym *Halipegus eccentricus* Thomas, 1939 of the latter name was not approved.

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Digenea; HEMIURIDAE; *Halipegus occidualis*; *Cercaria projecta*; *Halipegus eccentricus*; Amphibia; RANIDAE; parasitic worms; North America.

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**Ruling**

- (1) It is hereby ruled that priority is maintained for the names *occidualis* Stafford, 1905, as published in the binomen *Halipegus occidualis*, and *projecta* Willey, 1930, as published in the binomen *Cercaria projecta*.
- (2) The following names are hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology:
  - (a) *occidualis* Stafford, 1905, as published in the binomen *Halipegus occidualis*;
  - (b) *projecta* Willey, 1930, as published in the binomen *Cercaria projecta*.

**History of Case 3300**

An application to conserve the specific names of *Halipegus occidualis* Krull, 1935 and *Halipegus eccentricus* Thomas, 1939 for two species of hemiurid digeneans known to parasitise ranid frogs and various freshwater pulmonate snails was received from D.F. McAlpine (*New Brunswick Museum, Saint John, New Brunswick, Canada*) on 27 August 2003. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 63: 12–16 (March 2006). The title, abstract and keywords of the case were published on the Commission's website. No comments on this case were received.

**Decision of the Commission**

On 1 December 2006 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 63: 14–15. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 2007 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes – 7: Bock, Fautin, Krell, Macpherson, Papp, Song and Zhang.

Negative votes – 20: Alonso-Zarazaga, Bogutskaya, Bouchet, Brothers, Grygier, Halliday, Kerzhner, Kottelat, Kullander, Lamas, Lim, Mahnert, Mawatari, Ng, Pape, Patterson, Pyle, Rosenberg, Štys and van Tol.

Minelli abstained.

Commissioners voting against pointed out that usage of the names involved was so limited that to maintain priority would not create significant problems.

**Original references**

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*occidualis*, *Halipegus*, Stafford, 1905, *Zoologischer Anzeiger*, **28**: 687.  
*projecta*, *Cercaria*, Willey, 1930, *Parasitology*, **22**: 481.